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The following Listing of Claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

## **LISTING OF CLAIMS:**

1. (Currently Amended) An indoor unit (2) for an air conditioner (1), comprising:

a blower fan (71) having a cylindrical shape and that is arranged such that its rotational axis is substantially horizontal;

a heat exchanger (50) arranged so as to cover<u>ing</u> the <u>an</u> upper side of the blower fan (71) and to face the <u>and facing an</u> outer circumference of the blower fan (71);

an auxiliary pipe (51) that extends extending outwardly from a side face of the heat exchanger (50);

a motor (72) arranged adjacent to the blower fan (71) along the rotational axis and configured to rotationally drive the blower fan (71);

a motor cover (55) arranged below the auxiliary pipe (51) in such a manner as to cover the motor (72);

a first drain pan (781) and a second drain pan (782) arranged on opposite sides of the blower fan in such a manner as to sandwich the blower fan (71) from the front and rear and configured to catch drain water that drips from the heat exchanger (50); and

a communication passage (783) arranged adjacent to the motor cover (55) along the rotational axis in a top plan view and configured to link the first drain pan (781) and the second drain pan (782) together,

the blower fan (71), the motor (72), and the communication passage (783) being arranged such that in a top plan view they are positioned along the rotational axis in the <u>a</u> following order: the blower fan (71), the motor (72), and the communication passage (783).

2. (Currently Amended) The indoor unit (2) for an air conditioner (1) recited in claim 1, wherein there is further provided further comprising

an electrical component box (73) for housing electrical components (731, 732); and

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the blower fan (71), the motor (72), the communication passage (783), and the electrical component box (73) being arranged such that in a top plan view they are positioned along the rotational axis in the <u>a</u> following order: the blower fan (71), the motor (72), the communication passage (783), and the electrical component box (73).

3. (Currently Amended) The indoor unit (2) for an air conditioner (1) as recited in claim 1 or 2, further provided with claim 1, further comprising

a water guiding passage (56) configured and arranged to guide drain water that drips onto the motor cover (55) to the communication passage (783).

4. (Currently Amended) The indoor unit (2) for an air conditioner (1) as recited in claim 1, any one of claims 1 to 3, wherein

the auxiliary pipe (51) extends to the <u>a</u> space above the communication passage (783).

5. (Currently Amended) The indoor unit (2) for an air conditioner (1) as recited in claim 1, any one of claims 1 to 4, wherein

the communication passage (783) is positioned at or below the <u>a</u> height of the rotational axis of the blower fan (71).

6. (Currently Amended) The indoor unit (2) for an air conditioner (1) as recited in claim 1, any one of claims 1 to 5, wherein

the first drain pan (781), the communication passage (783), and the second drain pan (782) are formed as a single integral unit.

7. (Currently Amended) The indoor unit (2) for an air conditioner (1) as recited in claim 6, wherein there is further provided further comprising

a water draining section (789) having a water draining hole (784) that serves to discharge drain water to the an outside area from the first drain pan (781), the communication passage (783), and the second drain pan (782); and

the first drain pan (781), the communication passage (783), the second drain pan (782), and the water draining section (789) are formed as a single integral unit.

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8. (Currently Amended) The indoor unit (2) for an air conditioner (1) as recited in claim 1, wherein

the auxiliary pipe (51) extends in a direction parallel to the rotational axis to a position beyond the motor (72).

9. (Currently Amended) The indoor unit (2) for an air conditioner (1) as recited in claim 8, wherein

the auxiliary pipe (51) extends in a direction parallel to the rotational axis to a position beyond the motor cover (55).

10. (Currently Amended) The indoor unit (2) for an air conditioner (1) as recited in claim 9, wherein

the communication passage (783) is arranged in a position beyond the motor cover (55) in a direction parallel to the rotational axis.

- 11. (New) The indoor unit as recited in claim 2, further comprising a water guiding passage configured and arranged to guide drain water that drips onto the motor cover to the communication passage.
  - 12. (New) The indoor unit as recited in claim 2, wherein the auxiliary pipe extends to a space above the communication passage.
- 13. (New) The indoor unit as recited in claim 2, wherein the communication passage is positioned at or below a height of the rotational axis of the blower fan.
- 14. (New) The indoor unit as recited in claim 2, wherein the first drain pan, the communication passage, and the second drain pan are formed as a single integral unit.

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15. (New) The indoor unit as recited in claim 14, further comprising

a water draining section having a water draining hole that serves to discharge drain water to an outside area from the first drain pan, the communication passage, and the second drain pan; and

the first drain pan, the communication passage, the second drain pan, and the water draining section are formed as a single integral unit.

- 16. (New) The indoor unit as recited in claim 3, wherein the auxiliary pipe extends to a space above the communication passage.
- 17. (New) The indoor unit as recited in claim 3, wherein the communication passage is positioned at or below a height of the rotational axis of the blower fan.
- 18. (New) The indoor unit as recited in claim 3, wherein the first drain pan, the communication passage, and the second drain pan are formed as a single integral unit.
- 19. (New) The indoor unit as recited in claim 18, further comprising a water draining section having a water draining hole that serves to discharge drain water to an outside area from the first drain pan, the communication passage, and the second drain pan; and

the first drain pan, the communication passage, the second drain pan, and the water draining section are formed as a single integral unit.

20. (New) The indoor unit as recited in claim 4, wherein the communication passage is positioned at or below a height of the rotational axis of the blower fan.

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21. (New) The indoor unit as recited in claim 4, wherein

the first drain pan, the communication passage, and the second drain pan are formed as a single integral unit.

22. (New) The indoor unit as recited in claim 21, further comprising

a water draining section having a water draining hole that serves to discharge drain water to an outside area from the first drain pan, the communication passage, and the second drain pan; and

the first drain pan, the communication passage, the second drain pan, and the water draining section are formed as a single integral unit.

23. (New) The indoor unit as recited in claim 5, wherein

the first drain pan, the communication passage, and the second drain pan are formed as a single integral unit.

24. (New) The indoor unit as recited in claim 23, further comprising

a water draining section having a water draining hole that serves to discharge drain water to an outside area from the first drain pan, the communication passage, and the second drain pan; and

the first drain pan, the communication passage, the second drain pan, and the water draining section are formed as a single integral unit.